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ABSTRACT

During 1987, a total of 758,367 people (3 percent more than in 1986) took the General Educational Development (GED) tests at 3,314 testing locations. Of these, 511,973 earned scores qualifying them for equivalency credit. Thus, approximately 74 percent of the examinees who completed the test battery in 1987 earned scores that were sufficient to qualify for the diploma awarded by their state, territory, or province. Departments or ministries of education in the United States and Canada awarded 472,007 credentials (5 percent more than in 1986) based on the GED test results. The average age of the 1987 examinees was 26.7 years, with nearly 29 percent being 19 or younger and 11 percent being 40 or older. The majority of examinees (724,092) took the English language edition of the test, 31,757 took the Spanish edition, 1,640 took the French edition, and 878 took a special edition (Braille, large-print, or audiocassette). The examinees completed an average of 9.9 years of schooling before leaving high school. Over half the examinees reported that they planned to continue their education and training beyond the high school level. Since 1971, the following states have had the largest increases in the number of GED diplomas awarded: Vermont (45 percent), North Carolina (36 percent), Alaska (35 percent), and Oklahoma (27 percent). (Eight tables and four figures summarizing program results are included.) (MN)

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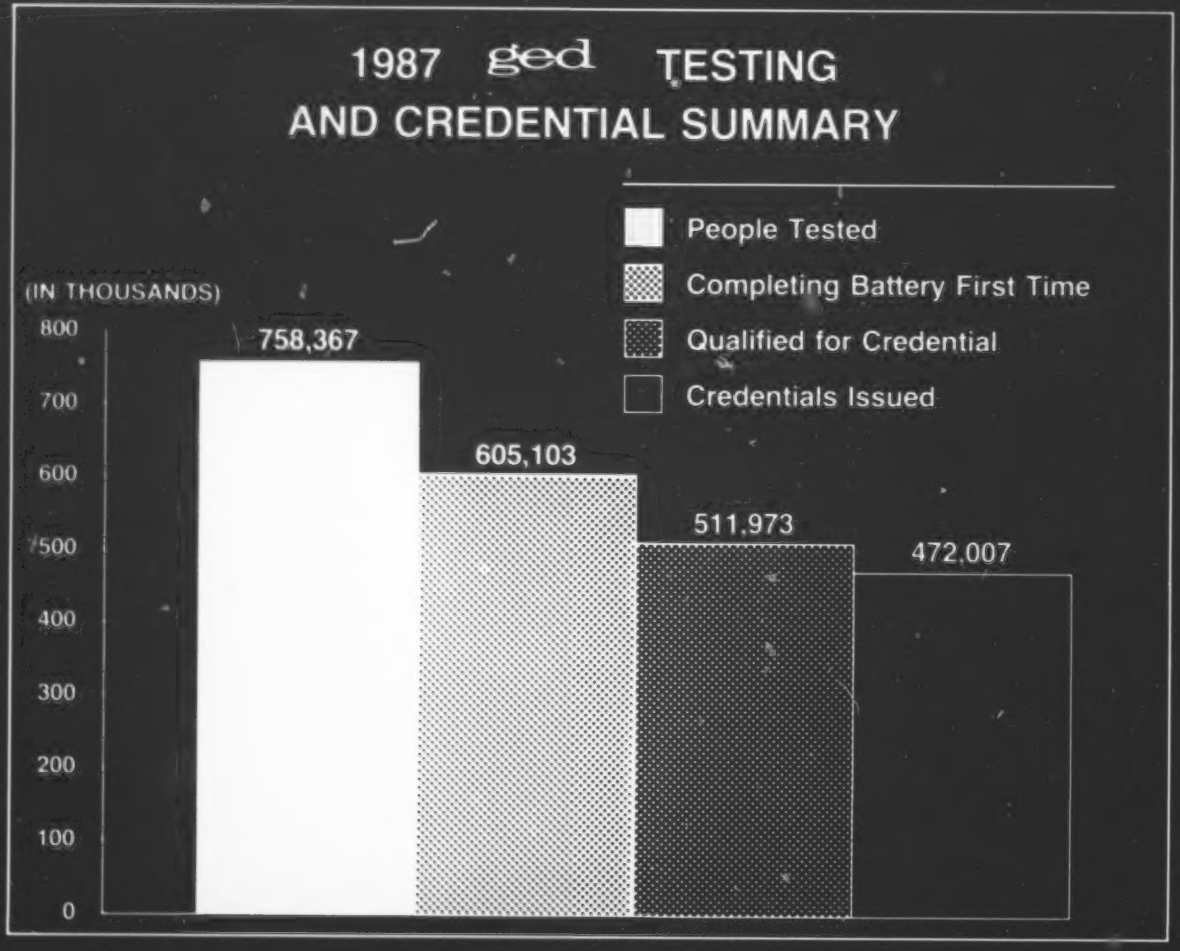

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This report was prepared by David Messersmith and the staff at the GED Testing Service with cooperation and assistance from GED Administrators, GED Chief Examiners and ACE's Central Services staff. The efforts of all are greatly appreciated.

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Report Summary

This report includes data collected from each participating department of education and the GED Testing Service for testing conducted during calendar year 1987. In addition, comparative data for earlier years are included in **TABLES 7 & 8**.

During 1987 **758,367** people — three percent more than 1986 — took the GED Tests. As a result of testing conducted at 3,314 testing locations, **511,973** examinees earned scores that qualified them for an equivalency credential.

Approximately 74% of the examinees who completed the test battery in 1987 earned scores sufficient to qualify for the diploma awarded by their state, territory, or province. Departments and ministries of education in the United States and Canada awarded **472,007** credentials — up five percent from 1986 — based on GED Test results. Annually, one of every seven high school diplomas in the United States is issued based on results from the GED Tests.

According to **TABLE 2**, the average age of the 1987 examinees was 26.7 years. Nearly 29% of the examinees were 19 years or younger; about 41% were between 20 and 29 years; approximately 19% were between 30 and 39 years; and 11% were 40 or older.

TABLE 3 shows that 724,092 people took an English language edition of the tests; 31,757 took a Spanish language edition; and 1,640 took a French language edition. 878 people took a special edition of the battery (i.e. audio cassette, braille or large print), a 33% increase over 1986. The special editions are available in all testing jurisdictions.

The examinees, as reported in **TABLE 4**, had completed an average of 9.9 years of schooling before leaving high school. In **TABLE 5**, over half of the examinees reported they were planning to continue their education or training beyond the high school level.

TABLE 6 shows the number of high school equivalency credentials issued by each jurisdiction since 1971. In the United States, the states with the largest increases in the number of GED diplomas included: Vermont (45%), North Carolina (36%), Alaska (35%), and Oklahoma (27%). In Canada, the largest increases in the number of GED diplomas occurred in Alberta (52%) and New Brunswick (23%). These credentials are accepted by more than 90% of the colleges and universities and by most employers to satisfy requirements for a secondary education credential.

The statistics in this report demonstrate that the GED testing program continues to offer a substantial number of people the opportunity to qualify for a high school equivalency credential. Since 1971, the program has enabled over six and a half million adults to obtain formal recognition of their educational development through their attainment of a high school equivalency diploma.

Figure 1. Volume of GED Testing 1949 - 1987

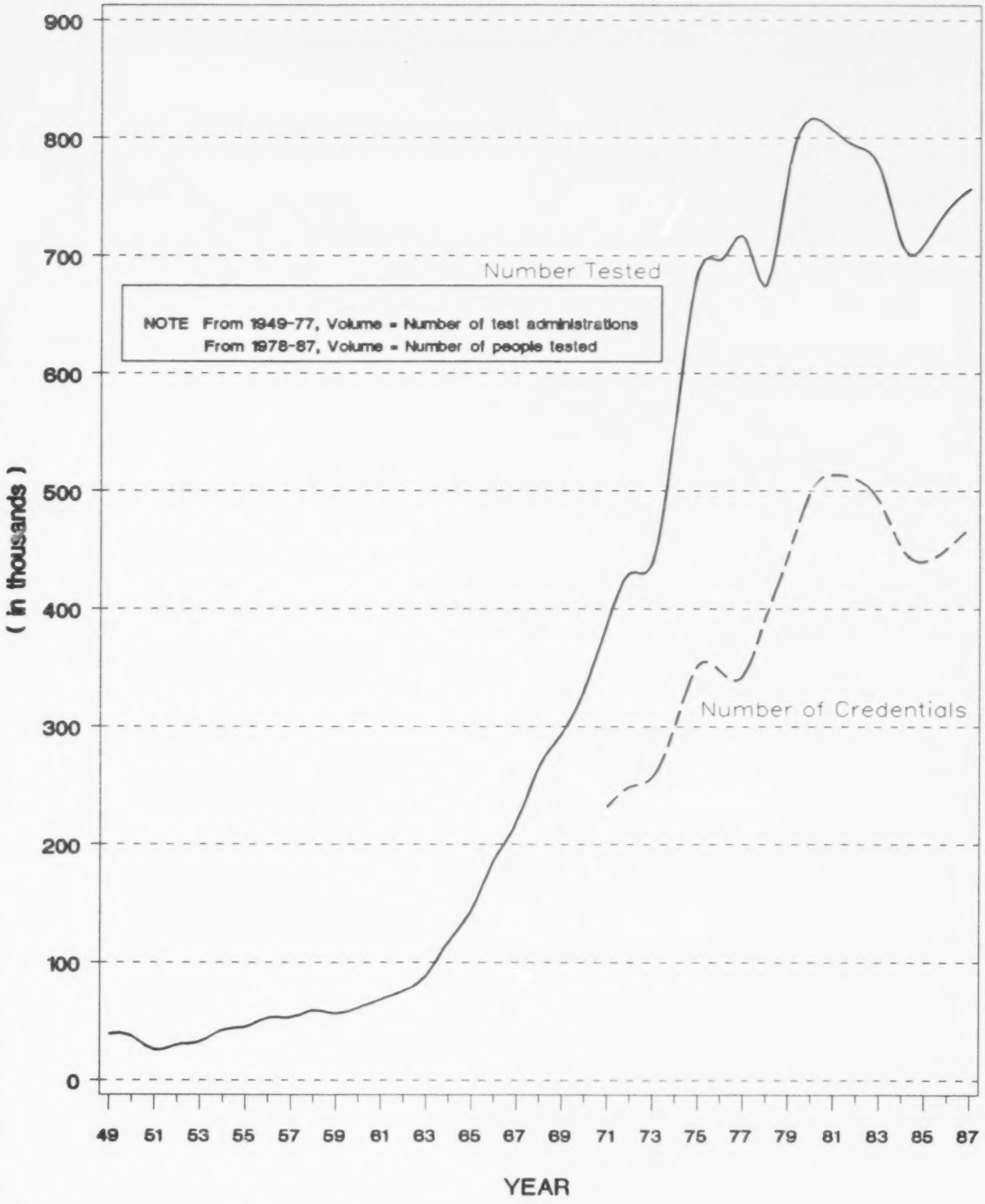

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TABLE 1. Testing Volumes by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Number of People Who — Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Yrs	Completed Part of Battery	Met Score Requirements Number	%
Alabama	14,053	12,160	1,860	33	9,065	64.7
Alaska	2,446	1,821	127	498	1,733	89.0
Arizona	10,769	10,106	480	183	7,999	75.6
Arkansas	11,981	10,678	1,091	212	7,566	64.3
California	53,418	40,987	2,110	10,321	35,554	82.5
Colorado	9,422	7,424	876	1,122	7,537	90.8
Connecticut	6,712	5,605	730	377	4,524	71.4
Delaware	1,439	1,157	270	12	789	55.3
District of Columbia	1,709	1,434	275	0	828	48.4
Florida	45,515	42,575	2,099	841	30,514	68.3
Georgia	20,155	16,647	1,947	1,561	13,708	73.7
Hawaii	2,821	2,364	345	112	1,967	72.6
Idaho	3,405	2,151	55	1,199	2,073	94.0
Illinois	20,110	16,103	2,084	1,923	14,060	77.3
Indiana	12,656	11,682	713	261	10,414	84.0
Iowa	7,656	5,355	285	2,016	5,133	91.0
Kansas	8,341	6,409	577	1,355	6,060	86.7
Kentucky	23,029	20,056	2,301	672	15,535	69.5
Louisiana	11,605	10,817	737	51	9,795	84.8
Maine	3,394	2,794	65	535	2,667	93.3
Maryland	12,366	9,074	2,308	984	7,507	66.0
Massachusetts	12,992	10,424	775	1,793	9,437	84.3
Michigan	28,335	16,419	5,660	6,256	14,038	63.6
Minnesota	8,495	6,209	416	1,870	5,849	88.3
Mississippi	13,454	11,980	1,405	69	8,975	67.1
Missouri	11,295	9,350	1,138	807	8,427	80.3
Montana	2,663	2,170	194	299	1,887	79.8
Nebraska	4,725	3,434	154	1,137	3,430	95.6
Nevada	2,787	2,571	126	90	1,944	72.1
New Hampshire	2,128	1,859	117	152	1,654	83.7
New Jersey	16,987	12,329	2,630	2,028	10,275	68.7
New Mexico	6,895	5,190	445	1,260	4,575	81.2
Totals						
USA + Territories	**729,314**	**579,891**	**82,048**	**67,375**	**489,414**	**73.9**
Canada	**19,895**	**16,916**	**2,775**	**204**	**15,048**	**76.4**
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**8,296**	**583**	**279**	**7,511**	**84.6**
Program Total	**758,367**	**605,103**	**85,406**	**67,858**	**511,973**	**74.1**

TABLE 1. Testing Volumes by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Number of People Who — Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Yrs	Completed Part of Battery	Met Score Requirements Number	%
New York	75,893	52,426	23,461	6	37,851	49.9[1]
North Carolina	22,186	16,752	2,165	3,269	16,765	88.6
North Dakota	1,516	1,120	90	306	1,131	93.5
Ohio	16,954	15,348	1,497	109	13,638	81.0
Oklahoma	11,195	10,638	369	188	8,696	79.0
Oregon	8,976	6,984	572	1,420	7,296	96.6
Pennsylvania	28,682	23,876	3,150	1,656	20,886	77.3
Rhode Island	2,991	2,109	270	612	1,876	78.9
South Carolina	8,774	8,168	525	81	6,602	75.9
South Dakota	2,243	1,412	171	660	1,344	84.9
Tennessee	17,300	14,920	2,255	125	11,437	66.6
Texas	61,041	47,556	4,793	8,692	43,726	83.5
Utah	4,539	4,041	234	264	3,498	81.8
Vermont	2,494	1,818	256	420	1,696	81.8
Virginia	15,082	12,346	2,685	51	9,940	66.1
Washington	13,875	9,718	832	3,325	9,005	85.4
West Virginia	6,825	5,876	537	412	4,728	73.7
Wisconsin	15,964	9,752	1,929	4,283	8,644	74.0
Wyoming	1,828	1,424	34	370	1,379	94.6
VA Hospitals	728	559	60	109	508	82.1
American Samoa	34	30	4	0	14	41.2
Guam	198	129	45	24	60	34.5
Micronesia	98	71	12	15	21	25.3
Puerto Rico	15,931	13,344	1,638	949	13,026	86.9
Virgin Islands	209	140	69	0	128	61.2
USA + Territories	**729,314**	**579,891**	**82,048**	**67,375**	**489,414**	**73.9**
Totals						
Canada	**19,895**	**16,916**	**2,775**	**204**	**15,048**	**76.4**
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**8,296**	**583**	**279**	**7,511**	**84.6**
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[1] The number of people tested for New York includes a duplicate headcount for persons who took the tests more than once during the year; therefore New York's passing rate is not compatable with rates for other jurisdictions.

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TABLE 1. Testing Volumes by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Number of People Who — Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Yrs	Completed Part of Battery	Met Score Requirements Number	%
Alberta	4,336	3,914	422	0	3,204	73.9
British Columbia	4,366	3,121	1,170	75	3,474	81.0
Manitoba	1,968	1,773	137	58	1,482	77.6
New Brunswick	2,536	2,245	274	17	1,763	70.0
Newfoundland	652	606	45	1	535	82.2
Northwest Territories	120	110	10	0	109	90.8
Nova Scotia	2,349	2,185	158	6	1,856	79.2
Prince Edward Island	225	208	8	9	206	95.4
Saskatchewan	3,122	2,536	549	37	2,237	72.5
Yukon Territory	60	59	1	0	36	60.0
Canadian Military	161	159	1	1	146	91.3
Canada	**19,895**	**16,916**	**2,775**	**204**	**15,048**	**76.4**
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,146	1,079	42	25	944	84.2
Corr. & Health Instit	4,432	4,012	364	56	3,629	82.9
US Military Overseas	2,939	2,606	145	188	2,492	90.6
For. Natn'ls Overseas	641	599	32	10	446	70.7
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**8,296**	**583**	**279**	**7,511**	**84.6**
Totals						
USA + Territories	**729,314**	**579,891**	**82,048**	**67,375**	**489,414**	**73.9**
Program Total	**758,367**	**605,103**	**85,406**	**67,858**	**511,973**	**74.1**

TABLE 2. Percent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%) -17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Average Age
Alabama	5.4	31.3	22.9	12.7	9.2	6.3	7.9	3.5	0.8	26.2
Alaska	17.9	24.6	23.3	14.3	8.2	4.6	5.3	1.6	0.3	24.1
Arizona	19.4	25.0	24.1	12.5	7.8	4.0	5.3	1.9	0.0	23.7
Arkansas	10.3	16.9	21.6	15.3	12.2	8.2	10.1	4.3	1.1	27.0
California	7.4	31.1	26.9	14.7	8.5	5.2	4.4	1.4	0.3	24.3
Colorado	17.8	23.2	21.6	13.1	8.3	5.8	6.7	2.6	1.0	25.2
Connecticut	2.7	26.6	27.0	15.0	11.4	6.6	7.5	2.3	0.9	26.4
Delaware	8.3	22.6	22.2	14.3	10.2	8.4	8.3	4.8	0.9	27.4
District of Columbia	6.2	21.2	30.4	15.1	12.3	6.4	5.9	1.8	0.7	25.9
Florida	6.5	28.0	26.8	13.0	9.0	5.8	1.9	0.8	8.2	26.7
Georgia	7.7	26.5	23.0	13.7	10.3	7.9	7.9	2.6	0.5	26.2
Hawaii	23.9	24.8	22.2	13.4	7.1	4.3	2.7	1.0	0.7	22.9
Idaho	17.7	24.6	23.1	13.5	7.3	5.5	5.9	1.9	0.6	24.4
Illinois	3.5	21.5	25.0	16.9	11.4	7.8	8.8	3.9	1.1	27.8
Indiana	3.0	16.8	23.5	16.4	13.9	9.5	11.8	4.5	0.7	29.2
Iowa	15.4	21.8	22.6	14.2	8.7	6.2	6.9	3.0	1.1	25.8
Kansas	11.3	22.0	24.2	16.2	10.4	6.2	6.3	2.7	0.6	25.8
Kentucky	4.1	18.2	22.0	15.2	13.1	9.3	12.0	4.8	1.3	29.2
Louisiana	21.5	26.6	19.9	11.7	8.0	5.5	4.8	1.6	0.4	23.7
Maine	8.9	19.1	23.2	13.8	9.6	7.8	9.8	6.0	1.9	28.5
Maryland	9.4	25.3	27.1	10.8	9.2	6.6	6.8	4.2	0.6	26.0
Massachusetts	12.0	22.3	26.3	14.6	9.2	5.9	6.4	2.6	0.7	25.5
Michigan	4.6	29.0	25.1	14.4	9.7	6.9	6.8	2.7	0.8	26.0
Minnesota	6.0	23.9	26.9	16.5	9.6	6.1	6.3	3.5	1.1	26.4
Mississippi	12.3	24.1	22.4	13.7	10.8	6.9	6.9	2.4	0.4	25.7
Missouri	10.2	22.9	22.8	15.1	11.0	6.4	7.6	3.3	0.7	26.4
Montana	7.5	29.9	25.4	13.6	8.6	5.3	6.5	2.8	0.6	25.3
Nebraska	8.5	21.0	24.5	16.5	10.6	6.8	7.6	3.4	1.1	26.8
Nevada	20.0	25.1	22.3	12.9	7.1	5.1	5.1	1.9	0.4	24.0
New Hampshire	8.3	24.3	26.6	14.2	8.8	6.1	8.3	2.7	0.7	26.0
New Jersey	5.8	26.0	27.6	14.6	9.4	6.1	7.0	2.6	0.9	26.0
New Mexico	14.6	25.2	22.3	14.0	8.6	6.0	6.7	1.8	0.7	25.0
Totals										
USA + Territories	**9.6**	**23.9**	**24.0**	**14.6**	**10.2**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**2.8**	**0.9**	**26.1**
Canada	**0.0**	**6.2**	**25.8**	**22.8**	**16.7**	**13.3**	**13.0**	**1.9**	**0.2**	**30.1**
GED Testing Service	**2.9**	**17.9**	**34.7**	**20.9**	**11.4**	**6.0**	**4.6**	**1.2**	**0.3**	**25.7**
Program Total	**7.7**	**20.9**	**24.9**	**16.2**	**11.2**	**7.7**	**8.0**	**2.6**	**0.8**	**26.7**

TABLE 2. Peroent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%) -17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Average Age
New York	11.0	24.0	25.6	14.6	9.3	6.2	6.4	2.4	0.6	25.5
North Carolina	5.5	21.0	25.2	14.7	11.6	7.7	9.1	3.9	1.2	27.7
North Dakota	3.1	21.5	25.5	17.4	10.1	6.7	9.5	5.3	1.0	28.0
Ohio	0.7	12.1	22.5	19.0	15.9	11.2	12.3	5.1	1.2	30.6
Oklahoma	6.7	19.9	23.6	17.0	11.8	7.8	9.2	3.3	0.6	27.4
Oregon	16.7	26.3	23.3	13.8	8.0	4.6	4.9	1.9	0.4	24.1
Pennsylvania	19.7	17.4	19.1	14.2	9.9	6.9	8.4	3.3	1.1	26.4
Rhode Island	2.3	27.5	25.0	15.7	11.5	6.6	6.9	2.6	1.8	26.8
South Carolina	11.9	25.8	22.9	12.1	9.4	6.6	8.3	2.5	0.5	25.7
South Dakota	10.5	19.6	25.7	19.0	9.6	4.5	6.5	3.6	0.9	26.2
Tennessee	0.0	25.8	22.2	14.7	13.3	8.7	10.4	4.2	0.7	28.3
Texas	13.5	22.6	23.1	14.4	9.9	6.6	6.9	2.5	0.5	25.6
Utah	11.0	36.7	26.8	11.7	6.1	2.8	3.3	1.5	0.1	22.8
Vermont	24.6	24.4	17.9	11.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	1.9	0.5	24.2
Virginia	6.2	23.4	23.0	15.1	11.2	8.3	12.8	0.0	0.0	26.7
Washington	16.5	23.2	23.8	14.9	9.0	4.8	5.1	2.3	0.5	24.6
West Virginia	7.5	22.7	20.3	14.4	12.1	9.2	9.7	3.3	0.8	27.6
Wisconsin	13.4	22.0	23.3	16.2	9.9	5.7	6.4	2.4	0.6	25.5
Wyoming	2.5	21.8	24.9	20.2	12.8	6.5	7.5	3.3	0.4	27.2
VA Hospitals	0.0	0.3	4.2	15.8	21.8	25.2	19.9	8.5	4.3	37.6
American Samoa	2.9	35.3	35.3	17.6	5.9	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	22.5
Guam	9.2	32.1	31.3	14.5	6.9	3.8	2.3	0.0	0.0	22.8
Micronesia	2.1	26.0	24.0	12.5	14.6	7.3	11.5	1.0	1.0	27.4
Puerto Rico	0.0	39.0	30.0	12.4	9.5	5.9	1.3	1.4	0.5	23.8
Virgin Islands	9.1	23.0	24.9	12.9	13.9	11.5	4.8	0.0	0.0	25.4
USA + Territories Totals	**9.6**	**23.9**	**24.0**	**14.6**	**10.2**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**2.8**	**0.9**	**26.1**
Canada	**0.0**	**6.2**	**25.8**	**22.8**	**16.7**	**13.3**	**13.0**	**1.9**	**0.2**	**30.1**
GED Testing Service	**2.9**	**17.9**	**34.7**	**20.9**	**11.4**	**6.0**	**4.6**	**1.2**	**0.3**	**25.7**
Program Total	**7.7**	**20.9**	**24.9**	**16.2**	**11.2**	**7.7**	**8.0**	**2.6**	**0.8**	**26.7**

TABLE 2. Percent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%) -17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Average Age
Alberta	0.0	6.6	25.1	24.8	17.7	12.1	11.7	1.6	0.3	29.8
British Columbia	0.0	8.9	28.1	22.1	17.0	11.7	10.3	1.7	0.2	29.2
Manitoba	0.0	3.0	29.6	24.3	16.3	11.1	13.0	2.4	0.2	30.2
New Brunswick	0.0	3.2	19.1	20.0	21.1	17.0	16.4	3.1	0.2	32.3
Newfoundland	0.0	9.4	31.0	21.5	14.4	13.5	8.4	1.4	0.3	28.5
Northwest Territories	0.0	11.0	33.9	26.6	14.7	11.9	1.8	0.0	0.0	26.4
Nova Scotia	0.0	8.6	30.3	19.7	15.4	13.1	11.2	1.6	0.2	29.2
Prince Edward Island	0.0	7.1	24.0	23.1	20.0	8.4	13.8	3.1	0.4	30.3
Saskatchewan	0.4	4.6	28.8	23.5	16.6	11.5	11.1	3.2	0.4	30.0
Yukon Territory	0.0	5.5	30.9	29.1	9.1	12.7	12.7	0.0	0.0	28.9
Canadian Military	0.0	0.0	3.2	16.2	21.4	23.4	32.5	3.2	0.0	36.8
Canada	**0.0**	**6.2**	**25.8**	**22.8**	**16.7**	**13.3**	**13.0**	**1.9**	**0.2**	**30.1**
Am. Civ. Overseas	5.1	24.3	33.6	18.8	10.4	4.4	2.6	0.6	0.2	24.2
Corr. & Health Instit.	0.1	3.0	20.1	25.2	20.0	14.1	12.7	3.8	0.9	31.7
US Military Overseas	0.2	20.9	52.3	19.3	5.6	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	22.7
For. Natn'ls Overseas	6.1	23.7	32.8	20.2	9.6	4.4	2.8	0.5	0.0	24.2
GED Testing Service	**2.9**	**17.9**	**34.7**	**20.9**	**11.4**	**6.0**	**4.6**	**1.2**	**0.3**	**25.7**
Totals										
USA + Territories	**9.6**	**23.9**	**24.0**	**14.6**	**10.2**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**2.8**	**0.9**	**26.1**
Program Total	**7.7**	**20.9**	**24.9**	**16.2**	**11.2**	**7.7**	**8.0**	**2.6**	**0.8**	**26.7**

TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Alabama	14,053	14,049	0	0	4	0	0
Alaska	2,446	2,422	17	0	0	0	7
Arizona	10,769	10,603	166	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	11,981	11,964	6	0	0	0	11
California	53,418	51,058	2,213	7	21	0	119
Colorado	9,422	9,422	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	6,712	6,253	455	0	1	0	3
Delaware	1,439	1,431	7	1	0	0	0
District of Columbia	1,709	1,576	128	0	1	0	4
Florida	45,515	43,243	2,215	24	7	1	25
Georgia	20,155	20,106	36	2	4	0	7
Hawaii	2,821	2,821	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	3,405	3,403	0	0	2	0	0
Illinois	20,110	19,964	93	2	11	1	39
Indiana	12,656	12,634	5	0	6	0	11
Iowa	7,656	7,643	7	0	2	0	4
Kansas	8,341	8,303	21	0	12	0	5
Kentucky	23,029	23,008	20	0	0	0	1
Louisiana	11,605	11,579	19	0	3	1	3
Maine	3,394	3,383	1	1	1	0	8
Maryland	12,366	12,261	47	29	5	0	24
Massachusetts	12,992	12,467	514	7	3	0	1
Michigan	28,335	28,249	38	0	12	0	36
Minnesota	8,495	8,482	8	0	3	0	2
Mississippi	13,454	13,445	2	0	7	0	0
Missouri	11,295	11,276	18	0	1	0	0
Montana	2,663	2,659	0	0	2	0	2
Nebraska	4,725	4,725	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2,787	2,780	6	0	0	0	1
New Hampshire	2,128	2,117	7	1	2	0	1
New Jersey	16,987	15,340	1,337	287	4	0	19
New Mexico	6,895	6,800	94	0	1	0	0
Totals							
USA + Territories	**729,314**	**696,368**	**30,965**	**1,121**	**338**	**5**	**517**
Canada	**19,895**	**19,387**	**1**	**495**	**4**	**2**	**6**
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**8,337**	**791**	**24**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Program Total	**758,367**	**724,092**	**31,757**	**1,640**	**344**	**10**	**524**

TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
New York	75,893	68,729	6,315	752	61	0	36
North Carolina	22,186	22,163	1	0	9	0	13
North Dakota	1,516	1,513	0	0	0	0	3
Ohio	16,954	16,901	24	0	2	0	27
Oklahoma	11,195	11,187	8	0	0	0	0
Oregon	8,976	8,859	95	0	7	0	15
Pennsylvania	28,682	28,451	163	2	61	0	5
Rhode Island	2,991	2,968	22	1	0	0	0
South Carolina	8,774	8,762	0	0	4	0	8
South Dakota	2,243	2,243	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	17,300	17,259	1	0	13	1	26
Texas	61,041	59,785	1,193	0	47	1	15
Utah	4,539	4,530	8	0	1	0	0
Vermont	2,494	2,483	2	5	0	0	4
Virginia	15,082	14,982	83	0	10	0	7
Washington	13,875	13,805	59	0	5	0	6
West Virginia	6,825	6,822	0	0	0	0	3
Wisconsin	15,964	15,898	58	0	3	0	5
Wyoming	1,828	1,821	4	0	0	0	3
VA Hospitals	728	720	0	0	0	0	8
American Samoa	34	34	0	0	0	0	0
Guam	198	198	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia	98	98	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	15,931	496	15,435	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	209	195	14	0	0	0	0
USA + Territories Totals	**729,314**	**696,368**	**30,965**	**1,121**	**338**	**5**	**517**
Canada	**19,895**	**19,387**	**1**	**495**	**4**	**2**	**6**
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**8,337**	**791**	**24**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Program Total	**758,367**	**724,092**	**31,757**	**1,640**	**344**	**10**	**524**

TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Alberta	4,336	4,336	0	0	0	0	0
British Columbia	4,366	4,356	0	10	0	0	0
Manitoba	1,968	1,966	0	2	0	0	0
New Brunswick	2,536	2,071	0	463	1	1	0
Newfoundland	652	651	0	0	0	0	1
Northwest Territories	120	119	0	0	1	0	0
Nova Scotia	2,349	2,343	0	2	0	0	4
Prince Edward Island	225	225	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	3,122	3,117	0	1	2	1	1
Yukon Territory	60	60	0	0	0	0	0
Canadian Military	161	143	1	17	0	0	0
Canada	**19,895**	**19,387**	**1**	**495**	**4**	**2**	**6**
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,146	1,116	30	0	0	0	0
Corr. & Health Instit.	4,432	3,673	756	0	0	2	1
US Military Overseas	2,939	2,931	5	1	1	1	0
For. Natn'ls Overseas	641	617	0	23	1	0	0
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**8,337**	**791**	**24**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Totals							
USA + Territories	**729,314**	**696,368**	**30,965**	**1,121**	**338**	**5**	**517**
Program Total	**758,367**	**724,092**	**31,757**	**1,640**	**344**	**10**	**524**

TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alabama	1.2	3.1	10.8	22.0	29.4	31.4	2.1	9.8
Alaska	1.0	1.1	7.0	15.4	30.1	41.2	4.1	10.1
Arizona	1.0	1.5	10.5	17.8	29.7	34.1	5.3	10.0
Arkansas	1.7	3.5	12.4	21.1	29.6	31.8	0.0	9.7
California	1.1	1.1	4.2	11.1	27.5	47.6	7.3	10.3
Colorado	0.5	1.4	6.9	19.9	32.1	33.8	5.4	10.0
Connecticut	0.8	1.3	8.8	19.8	30.1	35.2	4.0	10.0
Delaware	0.5	3.0	12.8	26.1	30.5	27.0	0.1	9.6
District of Columbia	1.7	2.6	7.9	20.0	30.5	33.0	4.3	9.9
Florida	2.9	1.7	9.7	20.2	30.4	33.8	1.3	9.8
Georgia	0.9	2.1	8.9	21.6	31.7	32.0	2.7	9.9
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	3.7	13.3	30.4	44.4	6.8	10.3
Idaho	1.2	1.6	9.5	21.2	30.3	31.9	4.4	9.9
Illinois	0.7	1.5	8.6	18.0	32.0	34.5	4.7	10.0
Indiana	0.5	1.4	10.2	23.5	34.6	28.1	1.6	9.8
Iowa	0.6	1.3	12.0	20.0	34.5	28.7	2.8	9.8
Kansas	1.0	2.6	8.5	19.5	31.0	33.9	3.5	9.9
Kentucky	1.3	3.3	16.8	24.5	28.9	23.7	1.5	9.5
Louisiana	1.2	3.6	11.4	22.0	32.0	27.6	2.3	9.7
Maine	1.3	2.4	16.0	26.9	28.3	22.6	2.5	9.6
Maryland	5.8	6.6	10.1	37.9	21.0	16.9	1.8	9.2
Massachusetts	1.5	3.1	10.8	23.4	31.1	26.9	3.2	9.7
Michigan	0.6	1.6	7.3	19.9	33.1	35.8	1.6	10.0
Minnesota	0.5	1.0	4.9	16.4	32.9	39.3	4.9	10.2
Mississippi	2.0	4.3	12.4	22.6	29.1	26.6	3.0	9.6
Missouri	0.6	1.6	10.2	20.6	33.8	30.4	2.8	9.9
Montana	0.6	1.7	10.5	20.3	30.4	32.8	3.8	9.9
Nebraska	1.0	1.5	8.8	20.9	30.8	32.5	4.4	9.9
Nevada	0.9	0.8	4.1	15.1	31.6	41.4	6.1	10.2
New Hampshire	1.1	2.3	13.3	23.1	29.4	29.0	1.7	9.7
New Jersey	1.4	1.3	6.3	15.7	31.9	33.4	10.1	10.2
New Mexico	1.8	2.1	7.7	19.4	31.3	33.7	4.1	9.9
Totals								
USA + Territories	**1.2**	**2.4**	**9.8**	**20.5**	**30.2**	**31.6**	**4.4**	**9.9**
Canada	**1.0**	**3.2**	**10.9**	**20.3**	**34.9**	**19.4**	**10.2**	**9.8**
GED Testing Service	**1.7**	**1.9**	**5.2**	**12.0**	**25.7**	**35.3**	**18.0**	**10.4**
Program Total	**1.2**	**2.5**	**9.7**	**20.0**	**30.7**	**29.9**	**6.0**	**9.9**

TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
New York	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Carolina	1.1	2.1	11.3	24.8	32.7	25.7	2.2	9.7
North Dakota	1.1	1.2	14.2	20.5	25.7	32.8	4.6	9.9
Ohio	1.0	1.8	9.0	21.6	33.6	30.9	2.1	9.9
Oklahoma	1.4	2.2	8.6	19.5	31.4	33.5	3.5	9.9
Oregon	1.9	25.9	5.8	14.3	25.6	24.3	2.3	9.2
Pennsylvania	1.7	1.7	8.4	21.4	33.8	30.0	3.0	9.9
Rhode Island	1.0	2.6	12.1	24.6	30.3	24.4	5.1	9.7
South Carolina	1.3	2.8	10.2	23.6	32.0	29.3	0.9	9.7
South Dakota	0.5	2.1	12.6	23.1	30.9	29.7	1.2	9.8
Tennessee	1.4	3.1	13.1	19.8	29.0	28.2	5.3	9.8
Texas	3.4	4.0	10.2	21.0	28.4	29.4	3.7	9.7
Utah	3.2	0.5	3.4	11.7	26.2	43.4	11.5	10.3
Vermont	0.5	1.5	11.6	28.9	35.0	19.0	3.6	9.7
Virginia	0.0	0.0	17.6	20.8	29.7	29.0	2.8	9.8
Washington	1.1	2.0	7.9	18.8	32.6	33.2	4.3	10.0
West Virginia	1.3	3.9	14.3	25.9	27.3	24.2	3.1	9.6
Wisconsin	1.0	1.1	5.9	16.5	32.8	38.3	4.4	10.1
Wyoming	1.1	1.5	9.3	19.4	29.6	34.3	4.9	10.0
VA Hospitals	1.9	3.0	11.2	22.3	28.3	27.4	5.9	9.8
American Samoa	0.0	0.0	2.9	5.9	29.4	38.2	23.5	10.7
Guam	0.0	0.0	3.1	7.8	31.0	53.5	4.7	10.5
Micronesia	0.0	1.1	2.2	23.3	30.0	42.2	1.1	10.1
Puerto Rico	0.0	0.0	22.8	35.4	24.6	17.2	0.0	9.4
Virgin Islands	0.0	2.9	16.3	17.7	20.6	16.7	25.8	10.1
USA + Territories	**1.2**	**2.4**	**9.8**	**20.5**	**30.2**	**31.6**	**4.4**	**9.9**
Totals								
Canada	**1.0**	**3.2**	**10.9**	**20.3**	**34.9**	**19.4**	**10.2**	**9.8**
GED Testing Service	**1.7**	**1.9**	**5.2**	**12.0**	**25.7**	**35.3**	**18.0**	**10.4**
Program Total	**1.2**	**2.5**	**9.7**	**20.0**	**30.7**	**29.9**	**6.0**	**9.9**

TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alberta	0.4	1.3	5.5	16.5	38.6	24.3	13.4	10.2
British Columbia	0.6	1.5	7.8	14.3	48.1	27.7	0.0	9.9
Manitoba	0.9	2.8	9.3	24.3	34.8	26.4	1.4	9.7
New Brunswick	1.3	3.9	12.8	21.3	31.9	22.3	6.5	9.7
Newfoundland	0.5	6.3	17.7	24.8	41.4	9.2	0.0	9.3
Northwest Territories	3.7	9.2	16.5	27.5	32.1	11.0	0.0	9.1
Nova Scotia	2.8	5.9	12.8	25.6	28.4	22.0	2.6	9.5
Prince Edward Island	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	9.7	7.8	76.7	11.6
Saskatchewan	1.0	3.3	19.7	22.4	31.7	19.7	2.2	9.5
Yukon Territory	0.0	0.0	10.9	23.6	40.0	18.2	7.3	9.9
Canadian Military	0.0	0.7	7.0	17.6	47.2	25.4	2.1	10.0
Canada	**1.0**	**3.2**	**10.9**	**20.3**	**34.9**	**19.4**	**10.2**	**9.8**
Am. Civ. Overseas	1.0	1.3	5.8	15.0	31.0	35.6	10.4	10.2
Corr. & Health Instit.	4.0	3.7	10.5	18.4	28.1	26.7	8.8	9.8
US Military Overseas	0.1	0.3	2.4	10.5	29.3	42.5	14.9	10.6
For. Natn'ls Overseas	1.9	2.2	2.2	4.3	14.7	36.6	38.1	10.9
GED Testing Service	**1.7**	**1.9**	**5.2**	**12.0**	**25.7**	**35.3**	**18.0**	**10.4**
Totals								
USA + Territories	**1.2**	**2.4**	**9.8**	**20.5**	**30.2**	**31.6**	**4.4**	**9.9**
Program Total	**1.2**	**2.5**	**9.7**	**20.0**	**30.7**	**29.9**	**6.0**	**9.9**

TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1986	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study Number	%
Alabama	14,053	53	256	6,736	47.9
Alaska	2,446	30	80	1,144	46.8
Arizona	10,769	45	56	7,751	72.0
Arkansas	11,981	67	318	2,679	22.4
California	53,418	217	1,080	21,026	39.4
Colorado	9,422	35	193	4,060	43.1
Connecticut	6,712	27	66	2,083	31.0
Delaware	1,439	9	1	394	27.4
District of Columbia	1,709	1	14	967	56.6
Florida	45,515	72	892	19,125	42.0
Georgia	20,155	82	660	6,308	31.3
Hawaii	2,821	13	256	1,591	56.4
Idaho	3,405	9	33	1,297	38.1
Illinois	20,110	73	689	13,873	69.0
Indiana	12,656	78	30	5,483	43.3
Iowa	7,656	16	1	3,455	45.1
Kansas	8,341	40	395	5,619	67.4
Kentucky	23,029	45	497	12,875	55.9
Louisiana	11,605	53	124	6,693	57.7
Maine	3,394	67	29	1,428	42.1
Maryland	12,366	21	259	6,479	52.4
Massachusetts	12,992	42	107	6,969	53.6
Michigan	28,335	158	65	12,597	44.5
Minnesota	8,495	53	3	5,436	64.0
Mississippi	13,454	85	74	3,925	29.2
Missouri	11,295	26	310	NA	—
Montana	2,663	21	23	1,395	52.4
Nebraska	4,725	42	2	2,796	59.2
Nevada	2,787	19	6	1,345	48.3
New Hampshire	2,128	25	48	1,258	59.1
New Jersey	16,987	34	643	9,165	54.0
New Mexico	6,895	26	104	3,699	53.6
Totals					
USA + Territories	**729,314**	**2,704**	**12,857**	**316,980**	**49.4**
Canada	**19,895**	**256**	**252**	**9,616**	**48.3**
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**354**	**2,244**	**6,995**	**76.4**
Program Total	**758,367**	**3,314**	**15,353**	**333,591**	**49.7**

[1] Total "planning further study" percents are tallied minus Missouri & New York.

TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1986	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study Number	%
New York	75,893	74	NA	NA	—
North Carolina	22,186	83	1,108	13,075	58.9
North Dakota	1,516	13	4	729	48.1
Ohio	16,954	86	0	10,104	59.6
Oklahoma	11,195	51	164	5,213	46.6
Oregon	8,976	44	442	5,330	59.4
Pennsylvania	28,682	87	168	5,160	18.0
Rhode Island	2,991	12	84	1,415	47.3
South Carolina	8,774	1	1,409	6,533	74.5
South Dakota	2,243	37	4	1,312	58.5
Tennessee	17,300	25	85	8,256	47.7
Texas	61,041	215	1,114	31,127	51.0
Utah	4,539	16	26	2,303	50.7
Vermont	2,494	18	29	527	21.1
Virginia	15,082	48	591	10,907	72.3
Washington	13,875	59	280	7,776	56.0
West Virginia	6,825	58	14	2,619	38.4
Wisconsin	15,964	67	18	7,415	46.4
Wyoming	1,828	36	1	950	52.0
VA Hospitals	728	79	0	354	48.6
American Samoa	34	1	0	16	47.1
Guam	198	1	0	59	29.8
Micronesia	98	6	0	90	91.8
Puerto Rico	15,931	1	0	15,931	100.0
Virgin Islands	209	2	2	128	61.2
USA + Territories	**729,314**	**2,704**	**12,857**	**316,980**	**49.4**
Totals[1]					
Canada	**19,895**	**256**	**252**	**9,616**	**48.3**
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**354**	**2,244**	**6,995**	**76.4**
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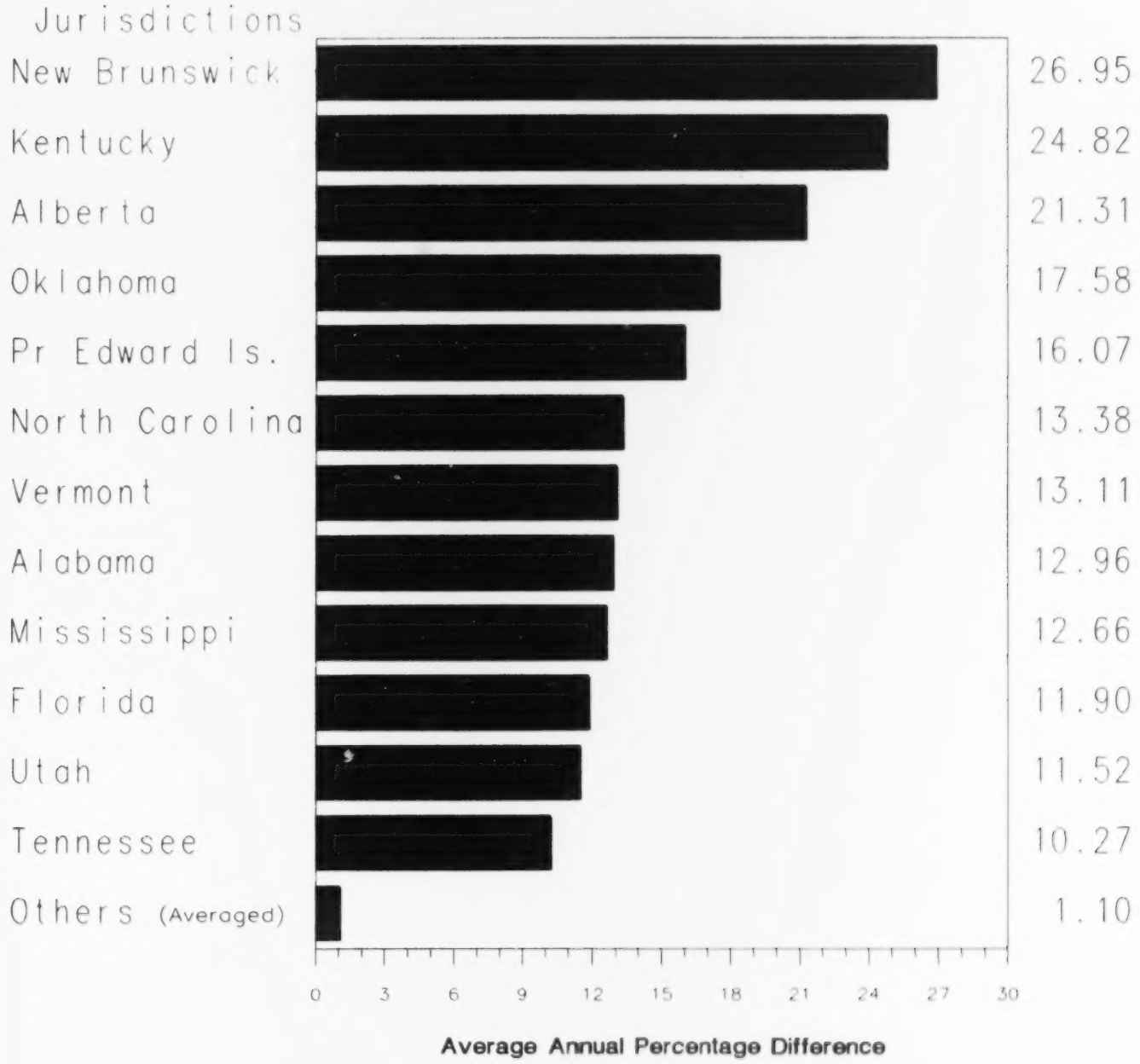
TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1986	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study Number	%
Alberta	4,336	40	48	1,988	45.8
British Columbia	4,366	94	141	2,180	49.9
Manitoba	1,968	45	46	1,259	64.0
New Brunswick	2,536	8	5	980	38.6
Newfoundland	652	16	8	439	67.3
Northwest Territories	120	2	0	52	43.3
Nova Scotia	2,349	24	0	1,736	73.9
Prince Edward Island	225	2	1	106	47.1
Saskatchewan	3,122	20	0	733	23.5
Yukon Territory	60	4	0	35	58.3
Canadian Military	161	1	3	108	67.1
Canada	**19,895**	**256**	**252**	**9,616**	**48.3**
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,146	0	7	845	73.7
Corr. & Health Instit.	4,432	89	0	3,535	79.8
US Military Overseas	2,939	265	2,237	2,055	69.9
For. Natn'ls Overseas	641	0	0	560	87.4
GED Testing Service	**9,158**	**354**	**2,244**	**6,995**	**76.4**
Totals[1]					
USA + Territories	**729,314**	**2,704**	**12,857**	**316,980**	**49.4**
Program Total	**758,367**	**3,314**	**15,353**	**333,591**	**49.7**

[1] Total "planning further study" percents are tallied minus Missouri & New York.

FIGURE 2. High School Credentials Issued Based on GED Testing Percent of Difference Between Years 1985 - 1986 - 1987



Note: Six jurisdictions reporting less than 100 credentials are not in OTHERS.

Sources: 1985,86 & 87 GED Statistical Reports

TABLE 6. Credentials Issued, 1971 — 1987

Jurisdiction	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Cum. 71-87
Alabama	8,087	7,637	7,154	7,781	9,116	169,849
Alaska	2,271	2,226	2,019	1,631	2,200	39,378
Arizona	7,076	6,614	8,079	7,852	7,971	107,690
Arkansas	6,096	5,670	6,646	7,147	7,552	86,833
California	11,662	11,326	13,373	12,000	12,040	127,894
Colorado	7,360	6,366	6,887	7,229	7,839	110,577
Connecticut	5,216	4,488	4,068	4,690	4,523	68,747
Delaware	739	901	812	865	829	14,017
District of Columbia	972	1,074	861	850	850	22,898
Florida	28,021	23,170	24,188	28,457	30,205	362,177
Georgia[1]	11,954	11,015	12,500	12,864	14,158	178,654
Hawaii	1,800	1,702	1,505	1,464	1,511	24,677
Idaho	1,136	1,144	1,045	895	738	15,230
Illinois	17,564	18,707	19,287	15,997	16,166	248,231
Indiana[1]	10,092	8,098	7,571	6,163	7,171	91,848
Iowa	5,346	5,123	5,106	4,925	5,137	77,223
Kansas[1]	7,413	6,599	5,711	5,973	6,060	112,482
Kentucky[1]	12,134	9,947	9,537	12,556	14,815	177,564
Louisiana	10,833	10,348	10,177	10,200	9,684	162,729
Maine	2,668	2,855	2,821	2,934	2,953	41,033
Maryland	7,693	7,404	6,758	7,379	7,285	119,625
Massachusetts	11,853	10,372	9,970	10,057	10,177	139,620
Michigan	18,514	13,732	11,137	12,681	11,494	194,991
Minnesota[1]	6,407	5,611	6,000	5,682	5,591	95,584
Mississippi	7,410	7,311	7,051	8,609	8,887	108,492
Missouri	8,987	8,291	8,003	8,354	8,427	134,268
Montana[1]	1,669	1,627	1,616	1,737	1,887	34,666
Nebraska[1]	3,063	2,800	2,792	2,811	2,629	37,739
Nevada[1]	2,510	1,910	2,059	2,228	1,977	28,857
New Hampshire	2,090	1,645	1,704	1,806	1,654	28,224
New Jersey	10,264	10,831	10,307	10,684	10,218	212,027
New Mexico	4,351	4,252	4,030	4,637	4,557	78,602
Totals						
USA + Territories	**476,769**	**437,331**	**427,075**	**438,861**	**457,635**	**6,561,875**
Canada	**13,560**	**13,000**	**12,847**	**12,433**	**14,372**	**181,417**
Program Total	**490,329**	**450,331**	**439,922**	**451,294**	**472,007**	**6,743,292**

[1] This jurisdiction's report may be incomplete because high schools also issue credentials based on GED Test results.

TABLE 6. Credentials Issued, 1971 — 1987

Jurisdiction	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Cum. 71-87
New York	48,922	44,917	41,236	38,532	37,779	641,013
North Carolina	15,347	13,361	13,566	12,358	16,765	220,165
North Dakota	1,486	1,261	1,249	1,186	1,224	17,697
Ohio	14,587	18,372	11,590	13,025	13,999	164,472
Oklahoma	6,853	6,167	6,251	6,733	8,581	96,443
Oregon	6,613	6,041	8,200	8,707	7,223	110,186
Pennsylvania[1]	20,748	18,934	17,668	20,073	20,756	281,910
Rhode Island	3,402	2,259	2,215	2,852	1,840	42,950
South Carolina	5,015	4,922	4,859	5,396	5,375	65,599
South Dakota	1,675	1,512	1,361	1,461	1,341	24,992
Tennessee[1]	10,164	8,776	9,374	10,514	11,395	144,318
Texas	45,339	41,535	39,479	43,696	44,640	650,324
Utah[1]	888	892	852	1,073	1,042	8,605
Vermont	1,660	1,400	1,429	1,167	1,687	19,699
Virginia	11,186	9,982	9,328	9,238	9,432	156,088
Washington	10,606	9,953	8,987	8,387	9,609	134,223
West Virginia	5,765	5,681	5,304	5,309	5,606	86,442
Wisconsin[1]	10,009	8,249	8,153	8,011	8,468	118,454
Wyoming	1,696	1,689	1,426	1,417	1,323	21,146
American Samoa[1]	16	14	14	27	14	509
Guam	161	107	142	111	60	2,344
Micronesia[2]	22	36	9	71	21	554
Panama Canal Area[2]	5	5	5	4	—	185
Puerto Rico	11,157	10,345	13,466	10,268	13,026	98,890
Virgin Islands	196	125	138	107	128	2,241
USA + Territories	**476,769**	**437,331**	**427,075**	**438,861**	**457,635**	**6,561,875**
Totals						
Canada	**13,560**	**13,000**	**12,847**	**12,433**	**14,372**	**181,417**
Program Total	**490,329**	**450,331**	**439,922**	**451,294**	**472,007**	**6,743,292**

[1] This jurisdiction's report may be incomplete because high schools also issue credentials based on GED Test results.

[2] The latest report from this jurisdiction is either missing or incomplete.

TABLE 6. Credentials Issued, 1971 — 1987

Jurisdiction	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Cum. 71-87
Alberta	2,101	2,260	2,323	2,112	3,204	14,248
British Columbia	3,401	3,158	2,984	2,930	3,474	49,038
Manitoba	1,019	1,153	1,231	1,276	1,482	28,456
New Brunswick	1,118	933	1,095	1,432	1,763	12,377
Newfoundland	1,145	599	467	450	535	10,410
Northwest Territories	105	76	118	110	65	1,169
Nova Scotia	2,019	2,100	2,088	1,573	1,856	26,171
Prince Edward Island	170	138	153	182	206	4,126
Saskatchewan	2,390	2,510	2,316	2,324	1,751	34,674
Yukon Territory	92	73	72	44	36	748
Canada	**13,560**	**13,000**	**12,847**	**12,433**	**14,372**	**181,417**
Totals						
USA + Territories	**476,769**	**437,331**	**427,075**	**438,861**	**457,635**	**6,561,875**
Program Total	**490,329**	**450,331**	**439,922**	**451,294**	**472,007**	**6,743,292**

TABLE 7. Comparative Testing Data, 1949—1987

Year	Number of Official GED Test Centers	Number of People Tested	Percentage Meeting Score Requirements	Average Age	Average Years of Schooling	Percent Planning Further Study	Number[1] of Credentials Issued
1949-58	587[2]	414,849[3]	77.8[4]	27.0[5]	10.0[5]	38.0[5]	NA
1959	660	56,496	76.0	28.0	10.0	36.0	NA
1960	**658**	**61,093**	**77.0**	**29.0**	**10.0**	**31.0**	**NA**
1961	702	68,080	74.0	29.0	10.0	34.0	NA
1962	745	75,428	75.0	29.0	10.0	34.0	NA
1963	801	88,242	71.0	29.0	10.0	33.0	NA
1964	840	116,875	73.0	29.0	10.0	32.5	NA
1965	928	143,974	72.0	29.0	9.7	38.0	NA
1966	1,031	185,778	71.7	29.3	9.8	35.0	NA
1967	1,194	218,386	70.0	29.5	9.7	36.0	NA
1968	1,336	265,499	69.4	29.5	9.7	39.9	NA
1969	1,566	293,451	71.7	29.4	9.7	37.3	NA
1970	**1,711**	**331,534**	**70.8**	**29.1**	**9.7**	**40.1**	**NA**
1971	1,858	387,733	68.7	28.0	9.8	41.2	231,558
1972	1,997	430,346	67.4	27.4	9.8	44.3	248,790
1973	2,135	440,216	68.2	25.1	9.8	42.0	256,905
1974	2,421	561,203	68.9	27.2	10.7	40.0	300,674
1975	2,462	687,426	70.2	25.1	10.0	42.1	351,327
1976	2,549	696,623	67.8	25.4	10.0	39.4	346,490
1977	2,704	715,116	69.7	25.0	10.0	37.8	342,828
1978	2,708	674,724	NA	25.9	9.9	35.6	392,511
1979	2,799	773,996	[6]68.4	25.3	10.0	40.8	445,426
1980	**2,753**	**816,176**	**70.8**	**25.1**	**10.0**	**36.6**	**500,203**
1981	2,900	804,813	72.1	25.1	9.9	46.1	513,549
1982	3,046	792,132	73.9	25.1	9.9	48.4	509,155
1983	3,009	772,080	73.1	25.4	9.8	48.6	490,329
1984	3,395	707,076	73.0	25.8	9.8	49.1	450,331
1985	3,371	711,392	72.4	25.8	9.8	51.3	439,957
1986	3,243	739,683	72.6	26.5	9.9	54.8	451,294
1987	**3,314**	**758,367**	**74.1**	**26.7**	**9.9**	**49.7**	**472,007**

[1] NA = Data not available.

[2] Average number of centers for ten-year period.

[3] Total for ten-year period.

[4] Average percentage for years 1954-1958 only.

[5] Data for 1958 only. Other years = NA.

[6] Revised percentage.

TABLE 8. Minimum Score Requirements for Issuing High School Equivalency Credentials

UNITED STATES

Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores[1]	Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores[1]
Alabama	35 and 45	Montana	35 and 45
Alaska	35 and 45	Nebraska	40 or 45
Arizona	35 and 45	Nevada	35 and 45
Arkansas	40 and 45	New Hampshire	35 and 45
California	40 and 45	New Jersey	[2] and 45
Colorado	35 and 45	New Mexico	40 or 50
Connecticut	35 and 45	New York	40 and 45
Delaware	40 and 45	North Carolina	35 and 45
District of Columbia	35 and 45	North Dakota	40 or 50
Florida	40 and 45	Ohio	35 and 45
Georgia	35 and 45	Oklahoma	40 and 45
Hawaii	35 and 45	Oregon	40 each test
Idaho	35 and 45	Pennsylvania	35 and 45
Illinois	35 and 45	Rhode Island	35 and 45
Indiana	35 and 45	South Carolina	45 Average
Iowa	35 and 45	South Dakota	40 and 45
Kansas	35 and 45	Tennessee	35 and 45
Kentucky	35 and 45	Texas	40 or 45
Louisiana	40 or 45	Utah	40 and 45
Maine	35 and 45	Vermont	35 and 45
Maryland	40 and 45	Virginia	35 and 45
Massachusetts	35 and 45	Washington	35 and 45
Michigan	35 and 45	West Virginia	40 and 45
Minnesota	35 and 45	Wisconsin	40 and 50
Mississippi	40 or 45	Wyoming	35 and 45
Missouri	35 and 45		

[1] Minimum scores of 35 and 45 mean that each test score must be at least 35 and an average of 45 on the battery is required. Minimum scores of 35 or 45 means either that each test score must be at least 35 or an average of 45 on the battery is required.

[2] N.J. = 40 on tests 1 - 3, 44 on test 4 and 43 on test 5.

TABLE 8. Minimum Score Requirements for Issuing High School Equivalency Credentials

U.S. TERRITORIES

Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores[1]
American Samoa	40 each test
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is	40 or 45
Guam	35 and 45
Kwajalein Island	35 and 45
Panama Canal Area	40 and 45
Puerto Rico	40 and 45
Republic of the Marshall Islands	40 or 45
Republic of Palau	40 and 45
Virgin Islands	35 and 45

CANADA

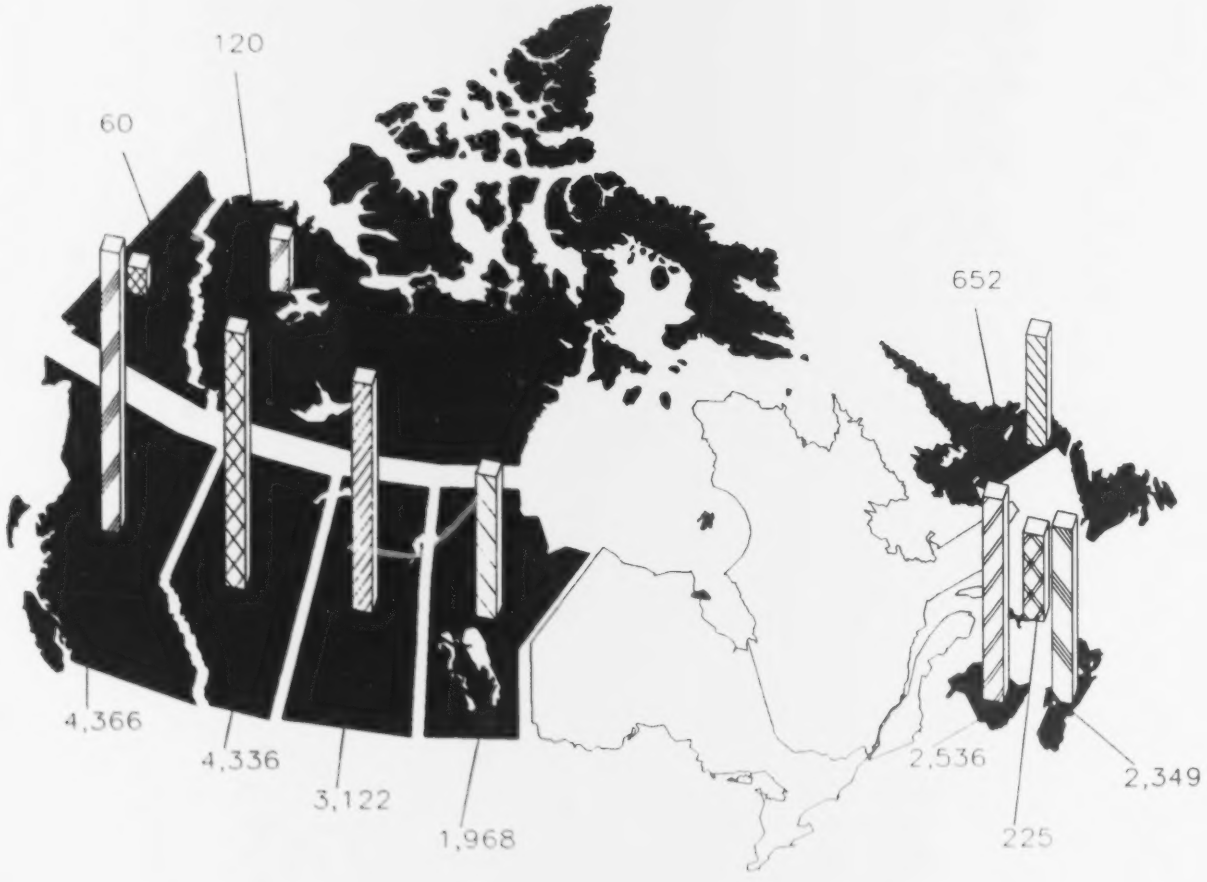
Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores[1]
Alberta	45 each test
British Columbia	45 each test
Manitoba	45 each test
New Brunswick(English)	45 each test
New Brunswick(French)	35 and 45
Newfoundland	40 and 45
Northwest Territories	45 each test
Nova Scotia	45 each test
Prince Edward Island	45 each test
Saskatchewan	45 each test
Yukon Territory	45 each test

Percentage of U.S. High School Seniors Meeting These Requirements

Minimum 40 or	Mean 45	73%
Minimum 40 or	Mean 50	70%
Mean 45		70%
Minimum 35 and	Mean 45	69%
Minimum 40		69%
Minimum 40 and	Mean 45	67%
Minimum 40 and	Mean 50	51%

[1] Minimum scores of 35 and 45 mean that each test score must be at least 35 and an average of 45 on the battery is required. Minimum scores of 35 or 45 means either that each test score must be at least 35 or an average of 45 is is required.

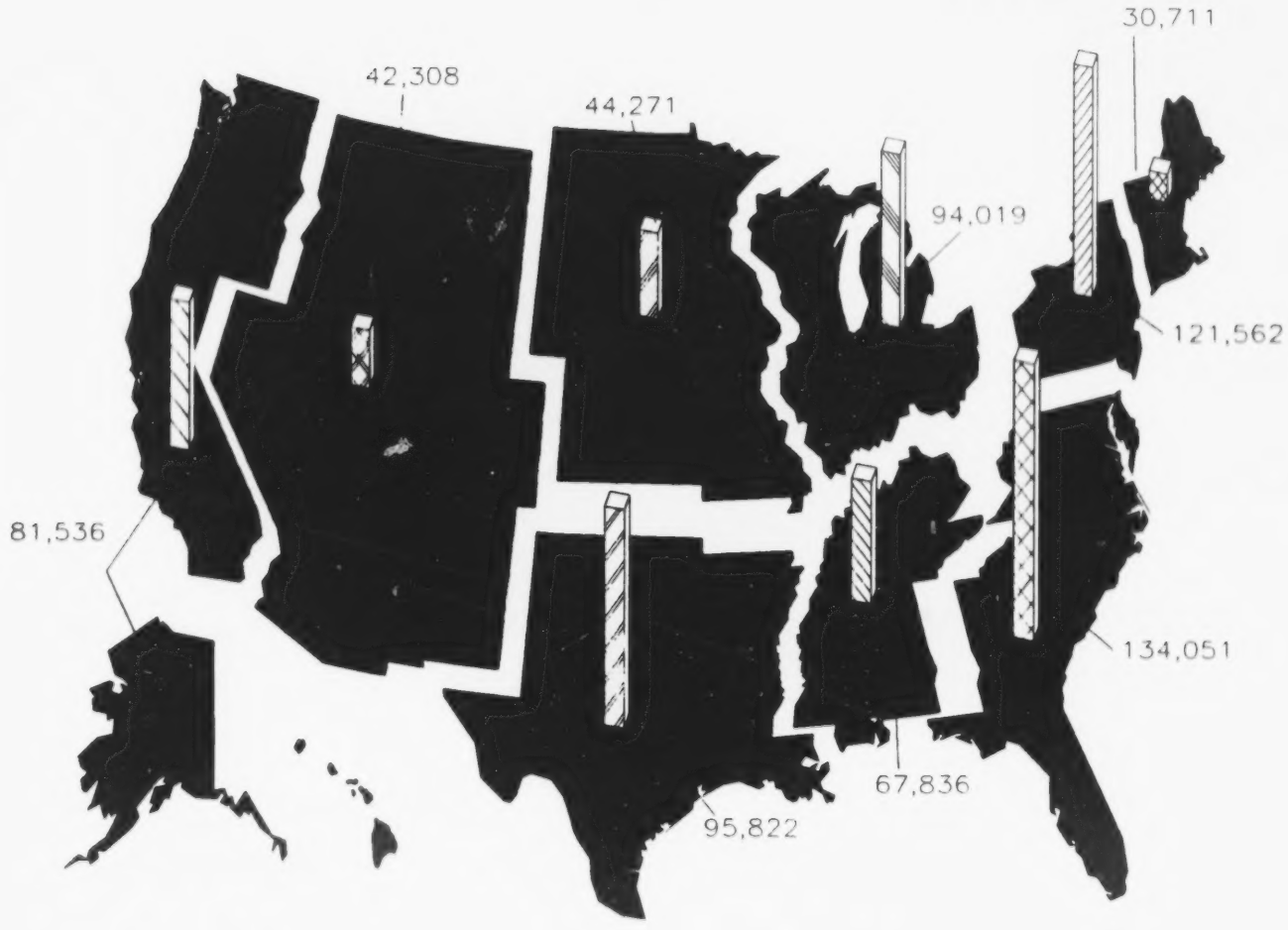
FIGURE 3. Canadian GED Testing Provinces
Number of People Taking the Tests in 1987



Yukon Territory	Northwest Terr.
Prince Edward Is	Newfoundland
Manitoba	Nova Scotia
New Brunswick	Saskatchewan
Alberta	British Columbia

Source: 1987 GED Statistical Report

FIGURE 4. United States GED Testing Regions
Number of People Taking the Tests in 1987



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